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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,9-12,14 and 19-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,9-12,14 and 19-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1, 3, 9-12, 14 and 19-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bullock et al. (2002/0049036) in view of Liebenow (6,522,640) and further in view of Brandt (4,727,535).

Regarding claims 1, 3, 25 and 29, Bullock discloses a modem (See fig. 1) comprising: a base unit 102 for transmitting a data signal to a computer modem over a wireless medium wherein the base unit being in communication with a telephone line and receiving an original signal from the telephone line and generating the data signal at radio frequency via analog frequency modulation without performing analog-to-digital conversion on the original signal (See fig. 1, 3 and page 3 [0070], page 4 [0076]). However, Bullock does not mention that a communication card which receives the data signal from the base unit and performs echo canceling on the data signal, and the base unit comprises; a hybrid circuit which separates signals flowing between the base unit and the telephone line and produces an echo signal; and an AGC circuit which generates a data signal having substantially no linear distortion from a composite signal by maintaining a level of the composite signal within a predetermined linear

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amplification region. Liebenow teaches a wireless modem (See fig. 2) comprising a base unit and communication card wherein the communication card receives data signals from the base unit over wireless medium and performs echo canceling on the data signal (See fig. 2-4 and col. 3 lines 62-65, col. 4 line 33 to col. 5 line 64). Brandt teaches a coupling device (See fig. 1) comprising a circuitry which generates a composite data signal from the original signal from the telephone line and echo signals and which maintains a peak voltage excursion of the composite data signal within a linear amplification region of the transmitter, wherein the circuitry comprises an AGC circuit and wherein the AGC circuit uses a DC current of a telephone loop to set a gain level for the original signal at a beginning of communication, the gain level remaining substantially constant during communication (See figs. 1-2 and col. 3 line 6 to col. 6 line 15). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the communication card as disclosed by Liebenow in the system of Bullock for the advantage of expanding the capability of the system to various types of wireless communication devices and to apply the teachings of Brandt in reconfiguring the base unit as disclosed by Bullock for the advantage of maintaining circuit isolation and automatic gain control.

Claims 10, 19, 23-24, 30-33 are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 1, 3, 25 and 29.

Regarding claims 11-12 and 14, Bullock & Liebenow & Brandt disclose as cited in claim 10, but they do not mention that the communication card includes a switch, wherein the switch is triggered by a circuitry when the line present indicator detects a

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wired medium, for selecting a type of medium over which to transmit and receive the data signal. Since Liebenow discloses the communication card capable of operating in two wireless and wire-line modes (See fig. 2 and col. 4 lines 33-50, col. 5 lines 21-25), and establishing a switching circuit to select operation modes based on detection indicating whether or not wired medium interfaced is a common practice in the art; therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to establish a switching circuit to select operation modes based on detection indicating whether or not wired medium interfaced for the advantage of operating the system in the correct mode in accordance to the user's intention.

Claims 9, 20-22, 26-28 are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 11-12 and 14.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3, 9-12, 14 and 19-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tuan Tran** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7858**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Nick Corsaro**, can be reached at **(571) 272-7876**.

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